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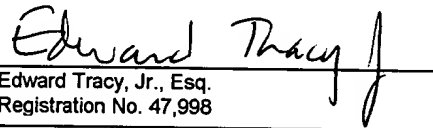
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For: PAD MATERIAL RETENTION SYSTEM FOR BACKING PLATES

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Honorable Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the Office Action of April 25, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: